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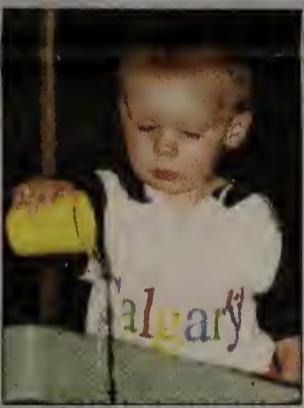
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A wet Day at Conestoga

Canadian Alliance leader doused with milk by protester

By Trevor Hilker

It was the second time that Canadian Alliance leader Stockwell Day showed up for a media event in a wet suit. This time however, it wasn't his choice.

Julian Ichim, 21, of Kitchener threw chocolate milk at Day who was at Conestoga College on Oct. 5 to announce his party's platform to about 1,800 people.

Day's first wet-suit appearance came last month when he showed up for a press conference on a Jet Ski.

In an earlier interview with The Record, Day's director of communications, Phil von Finckenstein, said one of the reasons for announcing the platform in Kitchener is that Ontario is the battleground where the next election will be won or lost. This community in particular is an "ideal location," he said.

"The Kitchener-Waterloo region is known for its high-tech productivity," said von Finckenstein. "There's a lot of great schools and universities. It's breeding the future of the country and we thought, 'What better place to talk about the future?'"

Lower taxes headed the 12-point platform called It's Time for a Change.

Day said his idea for a flat-tax rate of 17 per cent will save an average family of four about \$1,600 a year, but it would not come into effect right away as it would be phased in over several years.

Day said if the taxes were lower, Canadians wouldn't feel the need to find work in the United States. He said last year about 65,000 Canadians moved to the States and the year before the number was the same. He said if the taxes aren't reduced, Canada will lose another 65,000 people next year.

Day also promoted a plan to reduce the gas prices by restructuring the format of payment. Currently, consumers are paying the flat rate, then the excise tax is added, multiplied by the provincial sales tax, then multiplied by the goods and services tax. With Day's plan, the GST would be applied after the flat rate and before the excise tax, giving consumers a reduction in gas prices.

Day said not only will they reduce taxes, the Alliance will also reduce the national debt. "Every child is born and as they take their first breath, they incur debt of close to \$20,000."

Day added that the Liberal party's plan to eliminate the debt



Stockwell Day, leader of the Canadian Alliance party, officially announced his party's platform at the college's recreation centre on Oct. 5.

(Photo by Reni Nicholson)

would take over 180 years to pay off. Day said he wants it paid off in time for his infant granddaughter to see it gone.

As a former minister of finance in Alberta, Day said it can be done.

While cutting taxes and eliminating the debt, Day said his party will

increase funding for health care. "The Canadian Alliance will defend, will protect, will enhance medicare and the Canadian Health Act."

Day also promoted the idea of electing senators, allowing MPs the ability to vote freely on most issues instead of being restricted to their party positions and recalling MPs who aren't doing a good job.

He also said violent crime has gone up more than 350 per cent in the past four decades. Day wants fewer privileges for inmates, and he said 16- and 17-year-old repeat offenders should be tried in adult court.

Day added that the community members should be made aware of the repeat offenders living in the community. "If they are repeat offenders, let's get their names out there."

Day also said he believes in parole but criminals shouldn't serve only a sixth of their term. "If someone gets life in prison, they shouldn't be out in six years."

As far as marriage is concerned, Day defines marriage as "between a man and a woman," which brought applause from many of the spectators despite the exclusion of gays and lesbians.

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College counts down to ISO certification

By Petra Lampert

The 91-day countdown to Conestoga's ISO certification has begun.

Conestoga is now in the final phase of becoming certified by the International Standards Organization that sets definable and documented standards for consistency and quality for businesses to follow.

The countdown to certification began Sept. 5 and will end Jan. 19, 2001.

"We're in the final phase of a two-year journey," said Bill Jeffrey, dean of the school of health sciences and community services and the ISO management representative for the college.

He said the next phase is critical because it brings closure.

On Nov. 6 and 7, a registrar will visit Conestoga and complete an initial documentation review to identify any non-conformances to



Bill Jeffrey stands in front of the ISO 9001 Quality Policy Statement plaque.

(Photo by Petra Lampert)

ISO standards and make recommendations to ensure the college has met the criteria.

On Jan. 18 and 19 the final ISO registration audit will be conducted to determine if Conestoga's quality system is in accordance with ISO 9001 standards. Certification will only be granted if the college meets all standards of performance.

"We'll be certified as an ISO 9001 institution in January, or we won't," said Jeffrey. "It's a giant task. I'm beginning to realize why most institutions only do academic certification."

He said in addition to being No. 1 on KPIs, the college could be rated as the first educational institution in North America to be ISO registered.

KPIs are annual surveys of Ontario's 25 colleges that establish benchmarks in excellence. Conestoga has maintained a No. 1 position two years in a row.

The benchmarks are established by an independent survey of student, employer and graduate satisfaction.

"We're a No. 1 college and to maintain being a No. 1 college we have had to work really hard to pull everything together," said Jeffrey.

He said there will be many benefits for the college if it receives

ISO certification, one being that it will have a quality management system that's well structured.

"The benefits to students and people who work at the college are ongoing," said Jeffrey. "We practise what we preach."

He said the quality policy statement is what the system is about.

"The quality enhancement will provide excellence and the college will feel it," Jeffrey said.

He said ISO may even help Conestoga maintain its No. 1 position.

"It's a distinction no other educational systems have," said Jeffrey. "This college will be looked at as leaders."

He said many of the industries the college works with are also ISO certified.

"We will be listed internationally as an educational facility with ISO," said Jeffrey. "We could become world-known just by getting certification."



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College A small shield-shaped logo containing a stylized letter 'C'.

Setting new standards.

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Quality Policy

Conestoga College continually seeks opportunities for improvement to meet and exceed the needs of our students, employees and communities.

Is it hot in here or is it just you? There must be something wrong with my eyes, I can't take them off you. Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only ten I see I'm new in town. Could you give me directions to your apartment? Was your father a thief? 'Cause someone stole the stars from the sky and put them in your eyes. Can I borrow a quarter? ["What for?"] I want to call my mom and tell her I just met the girl of my dreams. ~~Get a light?~~ If I followed you home, would you keep me? Do you have a map? I just keep on getting lost in your eyes. If you were a tear in my eye I would not cry for fear of losing you. Your legs must be tired because you've been running through my mind all night. You see my friend over there? [Point to friend who sheepishly waves from afar] He wants to know if YOU think I'M cute. If I could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put U and I together. Was your father an alien? Because there's nothing else like you on earth! Are you religious? Good, because I'm the answer to your prayers. Hi, the voices in my head told me to come and talk to you. I lost my phone number. Can I borrow yours?

You are going to have to start using a new line.

SMOKE-FREE Waterloo Region now includes restaurants, bars, bingo halls, and places of amusement.



United Way campaign comes to campus

By Tracy Ford

The college is kicking off its United Way campaign this month and will be holding raffles and spaghetti dinners and selling cookbooks to raise money for the non-profit agency.

Eleanor Conlin, chairperson of academic research and Prior Learning Assessment Requirements consultant at the college who is co-ordinator of the event, said the college is trying to maintain its Cornerstone status for raising \$25,000 for the United Way.

Conestoga is recognized for donating more money to the

United Way than any other college in Ontario. "Over \$25,000 is a bonus," she said.

The event, which runs from Oct. 16 to 27, will raise money for the agency, which helps organizations such as Girl Guides, ROOF, a program which provides housing for teens, Anselma House and Mary's Place, who provide shelter for women and their children.

The unofficial committee of seven, which includes key people like CSI president Phil Lebeau has planned to place loose coin jars at each food area on campus.

"I hope people will put some money in there," said Conlin, who has been involved with the col-

lege's campaign for eight years.

Beaver Foods has also been having dress-down days, where employees can contribute money to the United Way for the privilege of wearing casual clothes to work.

There are plans to sell raffle tickets to college students and employees. Prizes include a romantic hot air balloon flight for two donated by CHYM radio, a cherrywood console table made by the college's woodworking students, a Christmas dinner for four at the Waterloo Dining Room located at the Waterloo campus donated by Beaver Foods and a Conestoga College sweatshirt

donated by the Doon bookstore. The draw is set for Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.

The committee has planned a spaghetti dinner to be hosted by Beaver Foods on Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students and staff can purchase a plate of spaghetti, with either meat sauce or a vegetarian sauce, and garlic bread for \$3.99.

"We hope that all students and staff will take part," said Conlin. "All the money will go to the United Way. It's a good deal and it's for a good cause."

A Millennium Cookbook was printed earlier this year and Conlin wants to sell the cook-

books, which cost \$5, and have the proceeds go to the charity. Staff and students at the college submitted the healthy living recipes.

"These recipes are all tried and proven. They're all our favourite recipes," said Conlin. "We think that the cookbook is a good hostess gift or Christmas gift."

Conlin said the committee is proud of the campaign that it organizes at the college every year. She said a large number of students would access the United Way through programs funded by the charity.

"We think it's a good organization to support," she said.

Conestoga students take off in aviation training program

By Dwight Irwin

Most Conestoga students have never been this high in class.

Conestoga's general arts and sciences aviation option program gives students hands-on training to become licensed pilots.

Fran Painter, co-ordinator of general arts and sciences at Conestoga, said the program offers students the chance to learn the academic and practical sides of flying aircraft, while obtaining a post-secondary education.

"We teach math, physics, communications, applied mechanics and electrical fundamentals. The things we teach help students with their flight training," Painter said.

The program, which was incorporated into the college curriculum in 1996, produced its first graduates in 1998.

Students take 15 courses at the college, over three semesters. They also have to complete pilot's training at the Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre (WWFC), a partner in the program. Students pay tuition fees to Conestoga, as well as a \$25,000 fee to the flight centre for the flight training.

John Candon, chief flight instruc-

tor with the flight centre, said students must fly with an instructor for 200 hours in order to complete the course. Students focus on private ground school, which teaches the basics of flying small aircraft and commercial ground school, where students learn to fly planes with two or more engines.

Students must also complete 60 hours of instrument training, which teaches students to fly in bad weather, with no visibility, using only the devices in the cockpit. It is taught in a flight simulator at the flight centre.

Before each training session students are briefed on what they're doing that day and how they're expected to do it. Each training session lasts about half an hour, Condon said.

Students train on Cessna 152s, Cessna 172s and Cessna 172s with retractable gear, at the flight centre. The 152s are two-seaters, while the 172s are four-seaters, which allows students the chance to learn to fly with passengers.

Out of three graduating classes, 90 per cent of grads have found jobs as pilots within six months of finishing the program. Many have landed at the WWFC as well,

Condon said. Half of the 12 full-time professional instructors are Conestoga aviation program grads.

"The training is like a co-op program. Unfortunately, we don't have enough spots for everybody (at the flight centre), but, like any co-op job, it's survival of the fittest," Condon said.

Other graduates are flying 727s with Canada Express, some are flight instructors, while others are flying in Northern Ontario, where the remoteness of towns makes aviation an important form of transportation and jobs are plentiful.

This year there are 35 students in the program, the largest intake the program has seen. Painter said the influx of students has to do with the program's growth and the exposure it receives from the flight centre.

Marcia Pluim and Colin Lipowitz, Conestoga aviation program grads and full-time flight instructors at the centre, said the program has become better known since they started the program.

"The program is more well-known since I started (in 1997). It wasn't even in the course calendar when I joined," Lipowitz, a 1999 grad, said.

"I went to the registrar's office to



Contessa Bishop (middle), a student in the general arts and science aviation option, shows flight instructors Colin Lipowitz (left) and Marcia Pluim (right) how much gas the airplane has.

(Photo By Dwight Irwin)

ask about it and they didn't even know the college offered it," Pluim, a spring 2000 graduate, said.

The school and the flight centre have been working hard to promote the program. Painter credits the public relations work and the open-

ing of more small airports for the additional interest in the program.

"Some pilots choose to get their licences and start working right away. This program gives its graduates an advantage because they get a post-secondary diploma and their pilot licences," Painter said.

Day incident won't harm college's image

By Tammy Somerville

Conestoga College president John Tibbits says that the incident at the rec centre involving Canadian Alliance Leader Stockwell Day has not had any negative effect on the college. Tibbits says he has been all over the community since it happened and has not heard anything negative.

Day left Kitchener with his image much cleaner than his chocolate milk soaked clothes after University of Waterloo student Julian Ichim showered Day with a litre of chocolate milk at the unveiling of the party's platform at Conestoga College's rec centre on Oct. 5.

The incident seems not to have tarnished the image of the college or Day.

"Everyone understood it was one person. It was a student from

the University of Waterloo, but that doesn't mean it will reflect on them," says Tibbits.

"I've heard it was well-organized and that the college was a good venue for it. I never heard anyone say Conestoga College is full of a bunch of raga-muffins," he adds.

Security services supervisor Al Hunter says the second-semester police foundations students and other college security covering the event did a good job.

"This event, even though it was by invitation only, was still a public event, said Hunter. "I don't know the exact figures, but with close to 1,400 people coming and going plus lots of media types, I think they did a very, very good job. We had to try and balance accessibility with security needs. There is always some trade-off in doing that."

Hunter adds that if they knew

then what they know now then the incident could have been prevented, but the reality is that there are always unknowns in such situations.

"You have women bringing in purses and you may have men bringing in an attaché cases and that type of thing. Our function was not to search people coming in there," he says. "The incident happened very quickly and there was an almost immediate response. Waterloo regional police were on the scene very quickly."

Hunter says the college acted very responsibly and had a viable plan in place for security at the rec centre and he doesn't think the incident is going to have a negative effect on the college.

Second-year journalism student Reni Nicholson was at the rec centre to get material for her portfolio and an assignment. She says Day was waving and doing camera

posed when she turned her back. She didn't see the milk being thrown at Day but heard the audience react.

"I heard screaming but Day calmed everyone down," says Nicholson who was not surprised by the incident because of Chretien's pie in the face incident earlier this year. Chretien was greeting a crowd during a visit to the Charlottetown civic centre on Aug. 16. A man slipped past his bodyguards and hit him square in the face with a cream pie.

Nicholson adds that Day handled the situation with ease, as did college security. She was there two hours before the speech began and says it was very well organized.

"Too many people sensationalize it, but the kid (Ichim) does it often. It looks bad on him, not on Stockwell Day, he covered it up well," says Nicholson.

Corrections

In the Oct. 2 edition of Spoke, a story about the Conestoga College preparations for the Oktoberfest breakfast stated that Zehrs Markets donated pancake mix and pancake syrup.

The pancake mix and pancake syrup was donated by Aunt Jemima.

Also in a story about a college course being recognized as a business credit, Cathy Gaal's name was spelled incorrectly.

And in a story in last week's issue of Spoke about the expansion at Conestoga College, the number of new spaces and classrooms being created thanks to the SuperBuild expansion fund was incorrect. The new building, to be built between the main teaching building and the rec centre at the Doon campus, will hold 1,500 students in 35 to 40 new classrooms. Faculty offices, a cafeteria similar to Dooners and possibly an auditorium will also be housed in the new building.

Spoke apologizes for the errors

College's dimmed diamonds are profitable products

Ron Simmons, the new vice-president of the School of Business at Conestoga College, was quoted in the Sept. 25 issue of Spoke as saying that running the School of Business at Conestoga was really no different from running a business.

The students are the "product." If the product is good, then the school will be good, he said.

Simmons' statement comes not long after a 51-page report by the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario, which represents the 25 colleges in the province, was made public. The report details how the association wishes to create an increasingly market-driven college system.

In the report obtained by the Toronto Star, it said government will retain control of funding and will do so based on key performance indicators. This means that based on job rates and employer satisfaction with graduates, the government will dole out money.

KPIs are annual surveys of Ontario's 25 colleges that establish benchmarks in excellence. Colleges presently receive two per cent of their funding based on KPI results. The province is presently talking about increasing the KPI funding in the year 2001.

The report also said that the association is in favour of more accountability to the community and province in terms of providing skilled labour for the workforce.

One can only hope that by meeting the demands of the workforce, that students are given an education that is not only practical, but that also stimulates the brain beyond the threshold of what is expected in the job market.

By equating students with products, Simmons not only diminishes the capacity of the student to be challenged by ideas and thoughts, he condemns it. A product, in today's consumer driven world is something that can be bought or sold. It is something marketable and expendable. Surely the human brain is not so poorly regarded.

Colleges have always been criticized for churning out students who can do a job, but can't think for themselves. University is thought of as a place where students can expand on ideas, become inspired and become more aware of the world around them. Surely it is possible to encourage both a good skill base and a honed intellect at a college.

Unfortunately, it seems that with the direction colleges are going this may not be possible. Government cutbacks and a business mentality mean college graduates will surely be ready to gain meaningful employment and start paying taxes, but they may never truly be educated.

Certainly they will be marketable, and this seems to be right where those who see the dollars and cents rolling in want them to be.

Education is facing a scary future. Educational institutions are making decisions based on the bottom line — and often that line is money. The titillation of the mind, the sparking of imagination is being deemed as less important than the marketability of a college's students.

The rationale seems to be the more productive the students are, the better the results on the KPI employers' surveys, the more funding from the Tories.

Robert G. Ingersoll, the celebrated orator of the 19th century, said colleges are places where pebbles are polished and diamonds are dimmed.

It seems Ingersoll was right on the money.

GOT MILK, STOCKWELL?



The Conestoga human assembly line

By Julie Porter

It was with great relief that I read the Sept. 25 issue of Spoke. In it, I realized that not only am I a number on my social insurance card, a number on my health card, a number on my driver's licence but now I am officially also a product, according to Ron Simmons, vice-president of the School of Business.

You see Simmons was quoted saying that students were products. He said that as long as the products were good, that Conestoga College would surely prosper.

Finally realizing myself to be the product I am has lifted a huge burden. Where previously I thought of myself as a dynamic ever-evolving human being, I now realize that I am just a vessel through which my hard work, the economy can prosper. I am a human product that if I am manufactured effectively will at the very least contribute to Ontario's economy until my death or disposal.

I think Ontario Premier Mike Harris would be very proud of my epiphany. He seems to think of Ontario as a place where if you aren't working, you probably

aren't worthwhile. His government sees post-secondary education as a means to an end, that end being employment, rather than a place where a person can grow and develop. In fact, his government's dismissal of arts programs as being second-rate and the dwindling funds the arts have received since his run for power are proof of this.

Unfortunately my parents and educators would probably not be so proud. My father, who taught me to question everything and to especially question anything that is proclaimed as absolute truth, would blanch at the concept of me merely serving as a servant of the economy.

My mother, who taught me to revere the written word and to try to understand not only my immediate surroundings, but to try to understand the outside world would also be disappointed.

Mrs. Hope who spent hours trying to make graceful my clumsy fingers on the ivory keys would wonder why she wasted her time.

It is possible to say that Simmons' statement is very arrogant. It is possible to say that it negates the fact that the people

who come to college do so not only to be able to flash a piece of paper at the end of their three years so they can get a job, but also to gain an experience and a little bit of knowledge.

I can't think that there is a student alive who would enroll in post secondary education simply to fulfill the college's product quota.

Schools are not meant to be factories.

In his book *The Ascent of Man*, J. Bronowski wrote, "It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it."

Bronowski viewed formal education as a way for students to challenge what was presented to them, and in doing so attain a greater sense of themselves and a greater sense of their own purpose.

If business continues to take centre stage in our educational institutions' mandate, students will not leave with an elevated sense of themselves but merely with the deflated realization that they are simply human machines guaranteed to contribute to a society made up of other machines.

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News

Students can earn degrees in less time after college

By Derek Lester

Stratford not represented by student government

By Paul Kostal

The student union will not be representing any students from the Stratford campus of Conestoga any time soon, according to Phil Lebeau, the president of the Doon Student Association acting as Conestoga Students Inc.

Last year, representatives from the Guelph and Waterloo campuses approached the DSA about the association representing the students at their campuses.

A market survey was conducted by third-year business students as part of a project. The students went to the Guelph and Waterloo campuses and conducted surveys of the students there to determine whether there was significant interest to justify representation by the DSA.

The DSA decided it would represent the Guelph and Waterloo campuses and is in the process of changing its name to Conestoga Students Inc. The association has put the proposed name change before the student membership, giving all the full-time students a vote and is awaiting the final tally before the change becomes legal. A vote of 50 per cent plus one is required to approve the change.

No representative from Stratford has approached the association about representing them, and no market survey was done at the Stratford campus.

And there won't be one this year either, says Lebeau.

The CSI's mandate, according to Lebeau, is to represent students in fully government-funded programs, such as those at Doon, Guelph and Waterloo, and "we haven't heard anything from Stratford," he said.

There are no programs at the Stratford campus that are fully government funded.

Where a full-time student at Doon might pay about \$2,000 for a year of study, a full-time student at Stratford, because of the funding difference, might pay, according to Lebeau, close to \$6,000 a semester.

because that one is still being debated, and may or may not happen," McGregor said. "But we are hopeful."

The college has also been talking with the University of Hawaii and the University of Adelaide in Australia.

"We probably need more publicity about it, more awareness."

*Grant McGregor,
college principal*

Conestoga College principal Grant McGregor said the ongoing negotiations with the University of Western Sydney for the online completion of a degree for CPA students are for the moment problematic because the University of Western Sydney, which was a confederation of three different universities, has been reorganized into one.

"So things are a little up in the air," he said.

Conestoga College has to wait until the reorganizing of the University of Western Sydney's administration structure is complete.

The college has been negotiating with a post-secondary school in England as well.

"I won't reveal the name there

McGregor has had a preliminary meeting with the representatives from the University of Adelaide.

An articulation agreement is a co-operative arrangement where a college and a university each deliver its own program.

The completion of the college program, or the credits earned therein, entitles the student to advanced standing in the university program.

McGregor said students should be aware that the college has articulation agreements with universities, but many students are not aware.

"We probably need more publicity about it, more awareness," he said. "What students should do, and what we (the college) should probably be doing, is to make them aware in first year, and then they can start to think about four years of study."

McGregor said that virtually every three-year program at Conestoga College has an articulation agreement with another university, and many of the two-year programs do as well.

Conestoga College students who have furthered their education at the university level have been successful, he said.

Several students have appeared on the Dean's Honour Lists, he added.

About 12 to 20 students take advantage of this opportunity every year, and those numbers are slowly increasing, he said.

This route may not be for everyone, but it is good for students who want to further their education.

"For a lot of our students, it's a process of ongoing learning," said McGregor. "They're not going to stop at a diploma, they're going to move on to other studies."

Countdown to ISO Registration

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Days to Go!

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College

The registration audit is January 19, 2001 Join the celebration!

Plaque to be unveiled to commemorate massacre

By Julie Porter

A plaque to commemorate the Montreal Massacre will be unveiled on Oct. 19 in the rose garden outside Conestoga College's Blue Room cafeteria.

The rose garden, which was planted Dec. 6, 1999, on the national day of remembrance for the 14 women who were gunned down by a gunman at the Ecole Polytechnic in Montreal in 1989, serves as a reminder about the problem of violence against women.

Conestoga's Women's Resource Group and members of the Dec. 6 coalition, which is a group made up of many different organizations that work to stop violence in the Tri-cities area, will be unveiling the plaque and invitations have gone out to MPs, MPPs, council members and mayors for the event.

Representatives will be present from Anselma House, The YWCA in Cambridge and various other social agencies. The public is encouraged to attend the event that starts at 3:30 p.m.

The plaque will be unveiled in the middle of the YWCA's Week without Violence.

Melanie Miller-Cassel, volunteer co-ordinator at women's crisis service of Cambridge and North

Dumfries, said the event is important to address the ongoing violence that women experience in their lives.

"The importance of the massacre is that our society was very complacent about violence against women. The massacre woke people up," said Miller-Cassel.

She said that violence against women is still very much an issue that receives very little attention.

This past summer, six women in Ontario were killed at the hands of men who were either their partners or ex-partners.

Gillian Hadley was killed execution-style by her husband Ralph Hadley who dragged her naked, through a quiet Pickering street before putting a bullet in her skull.

In July, a Stratford woman was beaten to death by her husband.

In Kitchener, Bill Luft killed his four children and his wife, before turning the gun on himself.

And these were just the cases that received media attention.

"We need the media on board to raise awareness of this," said Miller-Cassel. "It always takes a disaster like what happened in Montreal or the Luft family to get attention to something that happens all the time."

Miller-Cassel said she feels the

plaque is important because it can serve to keep the issue of violence against women in the forefront of people's minds. She said she hopes it inspires people to think about what they can do to stop violence.

"Don't ignore violence," said Miller-Cassel. "If you hear your neighbours fighting and you think it's a case of spousal abuse, call the police. If you hear your friends denigrating their girlfriends, speak out. Don't stay silent. Help those you know who you think may be experiencing abuse by giving them agency contacts."

Most importantly Miller-Cassel hopes people examine what it means to be violent. She says that people should think about what violence is.

"Violence is not just about someone being punched. It is people wanting control over other people. It can be vocal," she said.

Miller-Cassel said that according to a Statistics Canada report, 97 per cent of all crimes were committed by men. Of all the homicides reported in Canada in 1998, 81 per cent of victims were women. The report also said that 51 per cent of all Canadian women over the age of 16 have experienced at least one incident of violence.

THE SHOCKING TRUTH

- u About one million women a year in Canada may be beaten by a husband or partner.
- u One in three abused women is beaten daily or weekly.
- u One in five murders in Canada is a result of domestic violence, 85 per cent of them are by men against women.
- u Ninety-five per cent of marital assaults in Cambridge are by men against women.
- u Eighty per cent of abused women are attacked while pregnant. Pregnancy has been identified as the factor which most often precipitates violence.
- u Domestic violence against women is passed on from father to son. Most abusers watched violence against their mothers or were abused themselves as children.
- u Women stay with abusive men for many good reasons. They include: financial dependency (women earn only 65 per cent of what a man earns); fear (the man has threatened to kill them if they leave); and lack of housing (there is often literally no place to go.)

CHUM Ltd. donates scholarship money

In seven years donations reach \$160,000

By Tracy Ford

CHUM Ltd., one of Canada's leading broadcast enterprises, has presented Conestoga with \$24,000 for scholarships.

Pat St. John, vice-president of continuing education and training and development, said the money will go towards scholarships for full-time broadcasting students in either the Broadcasting - radio and television or Journalism - print and broadcast programs, but the details still have to be ironed out.

"Whether there's some (money) for the first-year students, second year and third year, I don't know. It may happen that way," said St. John.

Combined with money given to the college previously by CHUM Ltd., the recent instalment will create a significant amount to divide among students.

"We will likely have a scholarship fund of \$60,000 to administer," he said.

Over the past seven years, CHUM has given Conestoga more than \$160,000 to be used as scholarships and to attract young people to consider careers in broadcasting.

When CHUM Ltd. purchased radio stations in the area, the CRTC required that the enterprise bring some benefits to the community.

"CHUM at that point brought forward a scholarship fund for the college, along with equipment and expertise," he said.

Originally the scholarship fund was directed to aboriginal students but aboriginal students have their own scholarships set up by the First Nations.

"We spoke to the First Nations, and they indicated that the real issue for them was that not enough students were going into broadcasting," he said.

The college took some of the scholarship money and used it to produce an aboriginal broadcasting video.

"It's a five-minute video designed to be handed out at public schools so students can take it home to their parents. It gets them interested in broadcasting as a career because they're not looking at that as a career right now."

Since making the video, the CRTC has allowed the college to turn the balance of the scholarship fund to general scholarships for broadcasting students.

"Any student can apply for the scholarship," said St. John. "We're really excited about it. It's a great opportunity."

Fred Harris, the college's registrar, said the criteria has to be decided before the money can be given to students. There are decisions like the target group, either first-, second- or third-year students, and the type of scholarship, such as a trust fund, the money will support.

In a trust fund the money is saved and the interest is given to students. Harris said with a trust fund the award will be in smaller amounts, but the money will give more in the long run.

He said the money could be given to students based on their average.

"That's just one end of the spectrum."

The scholarship may be based on need and distributed as a bursary or students will have to apply to receive the scholarship.

"All these things are possible, it's just a matter of decision," said Harris.

Program administrators and the company, which donated the money, will decide on the types of scholarships the money will be used for.

GROUPS AND WORKSHOPS FALL SEMESTER 2000

Groups and Workshops

Gay/ Lesbian/ Bisexual/ Transgendered Discussion & Networking Group

TBA

Multicultural Support Group

Week of Oct. 2

Suicide Prevention Workshop

Oct. 5, 2:30 P.M.

Relaxation Group

Week of Oct. 9

Public Speaking Anxiety Group

Week of Oct. 23

Test Anxiety Group

Week of Oct. 30

Stress Management Workshop

Nov. 7, 3:30 P.M.

Study Skills Workshops

Time Management

Oct. 2 11:30-12:30 3A621

Listening and Note-taking

Oct. 16 12:30-1:30 3A616

Multiple Choice Tests

Oct. 25 12:30-1:30 3A621

Oct. 30 12:30-1:30 3A616

Effective Textbook Reading

Nov. 6 12:30-1:30 3A616

Multiple Choice Tests

Nov. 15 11:30-12:30 3A616

Preparing for Final Exams

Dec. 4 12:30-1:30 3A616

Dec. 6 12:30-1:30 3A621

Please inquire about and sign up at least one week in advance for the above free groups or workshops in Student Services, Room 2B02.

Students feel crammed with shorter semester

By Jody Andruszkiewicz

In the Oct. 2 issue of Spoke, it was reported that students would be getting an extra week of vacation during the Christmas break, as the winter semester will be 15 weeks in length.

Based on a random survey conducted on Oct. 3 at the Doon campus, student reaction to the upcoming 15-week winter semester wasn't overwhelmingly for or against the format.

Mike McNalty, a first-year law and security admin-



McNalty

istration (LASA) student, said a shorter semester would allow him to use his time better.

"I think it would be good because some days I only have two classes," the 19-year-old McNalty said.

Mike Wikholm, 21, a second-year broadcasting student, said the shortened semester is going to pose a problem.

He said in losing that one week, students will have to cram stuff in to learn the courseload in 15 weeks that they are supposed to learn in



Wikholm

16 weeks.

Andrea Douglas, 21, echoed those sentiments saying she's still going to have to do the same amount of work.

"I'd rather have a longer semester," said the third-year graphics design student.

Second-year marketing student Mike Pootz said he didn't mind the extra holiday time.

He added the shortened semester would make things a lot harder.

"Like we need more pressure," he said.



Douglas

But Parry Levine, 19, said the shortened semester would be great.

The second-year mechanical engineering student said a shorter semester he would have more time to work and more time to relax.

Tara MacDougall, a second-year nursing student, said there's not enough time in the day to cram in the extra work with a shortened semester.

"It's nice to have the time off," the 26-year-old MacDougall said, "but the program is already



Levine

crammed as it is."

Fellow second-year nursing student Lisa French, 22, agreed, saying it already seems as if they (nursing students) are cramming everything in.

First-year electrical and computer engineering student Beljinder Jassal, 19, said there would be more work in less time with no relaxation time.

Unaira Zaidi, 19, also a first-year electrical and computer engineering student, said everything will be more hectic. "Stress levels will be way high," he said.



Zaidi

Looking for crafts or romance, show offers variety with style

By Tammy Somerville

The craft and collectibles show coming to Conestoga College has a different flare than any offered before.

The Tri-City Romance and Vintage Craft and Collectibles Show will take over the gym in the rec centre, Oct. 20, 4 to 9 p.m., Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show blends crafts with antiques and high quality reproductions.

The display, the first of its kind in Ontario, will offer everything from ironwork, lace, woodwork, upholstered furniture, jewelry, candle work and blown glass to paintings, vintage accessories, fashions, lamps, florals, hats and flea market finds.

The vintage aspect of the show will offer wearables old and new as well as features for interiors that are antiques and reproductions.

This is the first time Canadian Craft Management has chosen to host a show in the area.

Bev Carney, show promoter and manager who paints furniture herself, says Waterloo Region was chosen because of the strong population base and economy. Another factor in the decision was the success of two previous craft shows hosted by other organizations.

"We thought a lot about what kind of show we could do that would prove viable. This one is eclectic. If you look at home shows and magazines, country antiques are in right now. It's what people want," says Carney.

The show is working hard to spotlight talent from southwestern Ontario and will include local craftspeople and dealers. Among them will be floral designer Bernadette Mayer of New Dundee, artist Sandy Baker of Kitchener, glass blower Isobel Scheurle of



Local vendor, Mary Ann Helmond, displays her pins, pin cushion and jewelry. The beaded shawl she is wearing is also one of her creations. Helmond will be selling her crafts at the Tri-City Romance and Vintage Craft and Collectibles Show at the rec centre Oct. 20 to Oct. 22.

(Photo by Tammy Somerville)

Elora and artist Jan Cressman also of New Dundee.

Bonnie Shortill of Fergus and Mary-Anne Helmond of Kitchener are two of the dealers setting up booths displaying their jewelry. Helmond, who is a high school teacher, says creating Victorian jewelry, beaded shawls and pin-cushions are things she enjoys doing.

Helmond, who participated in her first two craft shows last year, is looking forward to the Tri-City

Romance and Vintage Show because of its uniqueness.

"I hope it is a big success and I already hope they do it again. It sounds like they have really put a lot into the promotion."

Over 80 craftspeople and dealers will attend for those looking for the "right" piece or something out of the ordinary.

People trained in applied arts programs, like those Conestoga offers, run some of the booths, while others have simply honed their skills to perfection or trained at schools offering fine arts.

"Crafts people are hearty and exemplify what it is to be good entrepreneurs," says Carney. "The crafters are either single wage or complimentary wage earners, but at the show you'll see quality."

Carney has been able to organize the upcoming show by meeting crafters at shows, on the Internet and through business cards.

But, she adds, word of mouth has helped her gather the network of people more than anything else.

Carney who has organized shows in North Bay since 1979 and in Sudbury since 1990 brings experience, which helps her to offer broad-based and top quality shows.

The shows put on by Canadian Craft Management are juried, which means the work by the crafters has to be looked at by a jury before he or she can buy space in the show.

"Juried means two things to consumers," says Carney. "They are able to see high calibre crafts as well as a good representation of all types of crafts."

Majority of students balancing class schedules and part-time work

By Jody Andruszkiewicz

According to the 1999 key performance indicator (KPI) survey results, about 63 per cent of Conestoga College's student body works part time during the school year.

Jack Fletcher, director of student and recreation services, said 63 per cent of 2,800 students surveyed is an accurate measure.

According to the KPI student satisfaction survey, 47 per cent of the college's student body works over 10 hours a week with 15 per cent of the overall total working over 20 hours a week.

According to the text "Becoming a Master Student" used in the first-year course Strategies for Student Success, a general education elective, students are urged not to work more than 20 hours per week so marks don't suffer.

"I don't know, quite frankly, how some people do it," Fletcher said.

If the average number of class hours is 25 and you figure about 20 hours of homework and about 25 hours of work, students have 70 hours of their time devoted to school and work alone, said Fletcher. Over seven days, it averages out to 10 hours per day doing school and work. "To me it's an awful lot," Fletcher said, "but students are doing it."

In some cases, students, like those with families, must work as well as go to school. In those cases, Fletcher said those students have to choose what they will prioritize for their school workload,



Kimberley Johnston, 19, (left) and Sara Schizkoske, 19, both second-year law and security administration students, examine part-time job prospects at the student employment office on Oct. 3.

(Photo by Jody Andruszkiewicz)

Some cases students aren't affected by working because of their organizational skills.

Monika Krzewska, 25, a third-year graphics design student, works about 10-12 hours a week and said her marks haven't suffered. She also said she would work more, and that it wouldn't be a concern because she would put in more time at home.

Second-year journalism student Paul Kostal, 23, said he works about 30 hours a week. He also said that while he's always worked, he figures his marks would be better if he didn't work as much.

"I would have more time to do homework, but there are other distractions."



Zaidi

Suicide prevention workshop held

Students learn how to recognize early, common warning signs

By Michelle Goring

Sixty-six per cent of us know a co-worker, friend or close relative who will commit suicide. This fact was presented by counsellor Barb Kraler of student services to a group of approximately 25 people at the suicide prevention workshop held in Room 1C13 on Oct. 5 at 2:30 p.m.

The workshop, which is a prerequisite for social services students to attend, had traditionally been held exclusively for those students, but this year Kraler decided to open the workshop to students in other programs.

The first half of the workshop, which ran from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., contained information applicable to students from other programs. The second half, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., was designed specifically for social services students.

"Look how many people these days survive heart attacks because people on the street know what to do, this is the same idea," Kraler said.

Annette Kennedy, a second-year social services student who attended the workshop, said although the workshop was a requirement of her program she

would have gone anyway.

"When I first found out about the workshop I didn't know I would be attending as part of my classes," said Kennedy. "I was just interested."

The first half of the workshop concentrated on statistics and common warning signs. Fifteen per cent of people diagnosed with depression as well as 10 per cent of people with schizophrenia are at risk of suicide. High-risk groups include people of native ethnicity, youth (15-24 years), aging men and women as well as gays and lesbians.

Threats of suicide are common warning signs. Writing about suicide (which is most common among students) and direct and indirect threats are also warning signs, according to Kraler. A direct threat is a direct statement that someone is going to kill himself or herself. An indirect threat, which is the most common of the two, is a passive statement such as, "I might as well be dead."

A preoccupation with death is also a warning sign. Making final arrangements, giving away prized possessions, talking about death, reading or writing about death, creating artwork about death or ruminating about a dead person are

examples of death preoccupations.

"These things don't necessarily mean someone is suicidal," said Kraler. "But if the warning signs reoccur in a pattern and are out of character for the individual, they should be addressed."

Changes in behavior, physical condition, thoughts or feelings of suicide are also warning signs. If a person has become socially withdrawn, has less involvement and interest in activities, has increased risk taking, cries easily and is heavily using alcohol or drugs, he/she may be at a high-risk level.

According to excerpts from an information handbook provided for those who attended, indicators of possible risk include stress, symptoms of stress and thoughts of suicide. Intolerable stress comes from developmental and situational events, often personal loss which has a crisis impact on the individual. Examples include rape or sexual abuse; suicide or death of a parent, child, spouse or loved one; separation or divorce; serious illness; or substance abuse by someone close.

"It all depends on what the person considers intolerable stress," said Kraler. "It's the perception the person has about a certain situation that makes it intolerable."



Counsellor Barb Kraler holds forms that were handed out to those who attended the suicide prevention workshop on Oct. 5.

(Photo by Michelle Goring)

The second half of the presentation dealt with the assessment of risk, key intervention tasks, key components of intervention plans and dealing with a suicide from a counsellor standpoint.

"If a client ends his/her life, it will have a great impact on your life," said Kraler.

A suicide prevention contract was handed out to students as well as a suicide prevention plan.

"A lot of social workers use these," said Kraler.

The contract is an agreement between a social worker and

his/her client. The agreement states that when the client leaves the social worker's office, he/she will not hurt him/herself in any way before the next counselling appointment. The contract also stipulates that if the client fails to appear for the next session, the counsellor has the right to break confidentiality and contact emergency resources.

The suicide prevention plan is a guide for a client that is feeling suicidal. The client fills out sections that identify what to do when he/she is feeling suicidal, what not to do, and who to call if the client feels he/she can't make it through.

"In my experience I haven't had anyone turn down signing a contract I've presented," said Kraler. "It shows your clients that you really care about their well-being and for some reason, having them sign the contract makes them feel obligated to show up for the next appointment."

Kraler has been at Conestoga College for 14 years and was a social worker for 25 years. As well as presenting the workshop at Conestoga, she also travels to Wilfrid Laurier University to give the university's social services students a presentation on suicide prevention.

TEST

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For more information, contact Joan Magazine, the workshop facilitator.

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Feature

Choosing a day-care centre can be a hard decision

By Tammy Somerville

For students at Conestoga College and parents who commute having a day-care centre on campus can be convenient, but is it worth the higher cost than most in the region?

When comparing cost of child care in private or public centres and private homes, the spectrum seems quite large. Full-time care can range from under \$500 to over \$800.

For students, cost is very much an issue as it is with working parents who have car and mortgage payments.

Doon's highest fee for child care is \$325 more per month than parents would pay for private home care. The \$3,900 saved over a year could cover a student's tuition for the same period.

The college runs six centres in Waterloo Region. Doon Child Care Centre on Doon Valley Drive, Driftwood Child Care on Parkland Crescent, Glencairn Child Care on Erinbrook Drive and John Darling Child Care on Rolling Meadows Drive are all in Kitchener. Silverheights Child Care is located on Scott Road in Cambridge and Waterloo Child Care is on King Street in Waterloo.

The cost for infants aged four to 18 months at the Doon campus centre is \$825 per month. Toddlers are \$700 and preschool children are \$575.

The centre accepts children whose parents receive regional subsidy and OSAP. Although the facility is full now, as it usually is in the fall, it will have limited spaces available in January 2001.

Cindy Gaal, a staff member in the infant care program, says that they do offer part-time care, but prefer full time because of the waiting list. After the facility satisfies all of the requests for full-time care, it fills the remaining spaces with those requiring part time.

Maria Roberts, supervisor of the Doon Child Care Centre, says the fees are based on a monthly system, although a lot of other centres do it daily.

"Doing it monthly evens out payments. Parents pay the same no matter how many days in the month," says Roberts.

Quan La, a second-year journalism student whose 3 1/2-year-old son Kieran has been at the centre since September, says the slightly higher costs are worth it because she knows he is being taken care of. "He's not sitting around watching TV and it's nice that he is close so if something happens, I can rush right over there."

Doon Child Care does not accept many part-time children for a couple of reasons. Roberts says that because the centre is non-profit, the

On-campus care offers convenience for students but at a higher price

fees sustain them financially and from a business point of view, they have to do it that way to remain open.

Roberts also says she has some real concerns for infants and toddlers in part-time care because trust is such an important issue.

"You build trust with consistency. If they are only here a few days a week, then it takes those days the next week to gain back their trust. Separation anxiety is difficult for both child and parent."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier University does not have a day-care facility but the University of Waterloo has four centres of its own. Child care for infants at the Hildegard Centre costs \$750 per month; toddler care is \$650 while care for preschool children costs \$550. These rates are cheaper than Doon's but Hildegard offers only full-time care and the children are mostly those of support staff and faculty.

There is a waiting list for this centre as well because it is the only one of the four that offers infant care.

The YMCA Little Pause centre on Pioneer Drive costs \$550 per month for full-time care and is more flexible, offering parents half days for \$370. For parents who do not need daily care, the centre offers part-time full days for \$29 per day and \$19 for half.

With this flexibility comes a limitation as they only care for children from 2 1/2 to 12 years old. Shelly McConnell, supervisor of Little Pause, says the centre tries to be as flexible as it can because so many parents today have jobs that are not 9 to 5 and many facilities don't offer this type of part-time care.

"They are not very flexible at Conestoga, but we try our best," she says. McConnell adds they still have spaces available. The centre also runs a nursery school daily from 9-11:30 a.m. for those needing a couple of hours during the week to run errands, go to the gym or do homework.

Private home care is the cheapest option for parents but there are no guarantees on quality of care as these providers are not regulated or overseen by anyone. The number of children in the homes can be higher than the government legislates for day-care centres and the person can quit anytime he or she chooses, without notice. This can be a major problem for parents who do not have a back-up caregiver and it is disruptive for the children.

Private home care is generally very flexible and costs vary from person to person. Most charge \$25 for a full day, \$15 for a half and others charge hourly rates from \$3 to \$4.

Greg Hayman whose three-year-



Michelle Hayman, 2, goes up and down and all around after nap time at Doon's day-care centre Sept 21.

(Photo by Tammy Somerville)



Two-year-old Jackson Haire watches with wonder as he empties his cup at the water play table at the day-care centre.

(Photo by Tammy Somerville)

the staff reacts when they don't know you're there," says La.

La is happy with the stimulation her son is receiving, which was a concern when he was at home. "Each day they post the activities they've done like sensory activities and songs they sang. They write it down and then I am able to talk to him about it," she says.

Haymen says when he and his wife Jennifer were comparing costs, Doon was right in line with everyone else.

"We looked at YMCA centre prices for care and they were within \$10 of Doon. We had an older child go through the program and we are completely happy with it."

While Doon's costs may be higher than some day-care centres, Haymen says he is confident the staff are capable, dependable and offer stability and quality for his daughter.

"They're there. They help with kid's development and we don't have to worry about the health of a home-care provider."

old daughter Michelle has been at the Doon Child Care Centre since she was six months, says he and his wife thought about home care but it didn't seem a secure option.

"We thought about it, but if we're on our way to work and get a call from the home care person who was sick or something, one of us would have to take the day off. At the college, that's not an issue," says Hayman.

He adds that once a child is in Doon's program, they have a secured place until the parents take him or her out. If a child enters the centre as an infant, a space is reserved for the child when he/she becomes a toddler and a preschooler. A child already in the centre takes precedence over any new children coming in.

Shelley Schenk, manager of Conestoga's child-care centres, agrees that their rates are higher than some but not all.

"We have to cover costs and in comparison to other facilities, our staff are well paid," says Schenk.

Robert says because the Doon facility is unionized, the staff get paid more than non-union centres, which is the same as regional workers.

All staff at Doon's centre, including supply staff are ECE grads. Roberts adds the school lab setting enriches the experience of the children.

"Students are being taught the newest philosophies and activities and are sharing them with the children. Our staff are also involved with the student teachers so they are able to expose the children to variety and consistency," says Roberts.

Schenk adds they do a survey of other day-care centres in the com-

munity when considering raising prices to see what is fair. She adds with the sometimes higher prices, Conestoga offers consistent staff and better adult-to-child ratios because of the involvement of the early childhood education students.

"We may be costlier than some centres, but we offer a high quality program that parents feel benefits their children," says Schenk.

Roberts agree that parents get consistency with the Doon centre. "Our newest full-time staff member has been here 2 1/2 years. Most of us have been here 10 years or more. This tells parents it's consistent and the relationship between staff and the school is good. Happy staff means a happy centre really."

La likes having her son so close to her and agrees there are many other benefits.

La's sister-in-law had been caring for Kieran but she was concerned about of his lack of interaction with other kids. She also likes the fact she is able to go over to the centre between classes or on lunch and see him through a tinted window without him or the staff knowing.

"It is nice to be able to see how

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: DEPRESSION

Most of us have experienced waking up in a bad mood or "feeling the blues". These feelings are usually of short duration and have minimal impact on our lives. Some people experience sadness, loneliness, hopelessness, self-doubt, and guilt for weeks, months and even years. These experiences characterize depression, an illness believed to affect one in ten.

Here are some signs which might indicate that you or someone you care about is experiencing depression:

FEELINGS- loss of joy in formerly pleasurable activities, crying a lot or feeling emotionally "empty"; hopelessness, worthlessness, loss of warmth towards key people in life; loss of sexual desire; deep sense of shame or self-doubt.

PHYSICAL- overwhelming exhaustion and lack of energy; insomnia or the opposite; loss of appetite or the opposite; physical aches and pains; digestive problems; headaches.

BEHAVIOR- irritability, withdrawal, neglect of responsibilities or appearance; reduced ability to concentrate, remember or cope with daily activities. If these symptoms persist, or if their intensity is causing you to consider suicide as an option, it is important to seek assistance with a knowledgeable professional. On campus, counsellors are available in Student Services (2B02); a nurse and doctor are available in Health & Safety Services (inside door #3).

A Message from Student Services (Room 2B02)

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Oktobefest fills expectations and bellies

By Sanja Musa

The Oktoberfest breakfast, held Oct. 7 in front of Waterloo Town Square, fulfilled the expectations of visitors, organizers and fund-raisers.

Despite sunny but chilly weather with temperatures of 3 C to 5 C, some of the 8,000 visitors arrived at the breakfast before the event started at 7 a.m.

Conestoga faculty members and 28 first-year food and beverage management students were busy flipping pancakes under the tent and frying sausages on the grills outside.

Among the first arrivals was Laine VanWinckle, 7, of Kitchener.

"We try to come every year," said Laine's mother, Tiin. "Unfortunately, we missed last year and Laine made me get up early this morning because she was excited about it. She wanted to be the first one here."

However, Tiin VanWinckle admits, she enjoys the Oktoberfest breakfast too.

"I love the Oktoberfest breakfast," she said. "I don't go out to the bars so often and I love to come here, to talk to people and to try pancakes. It's nice when you feel like part of the community."

People were continuously arriving at the breakfast until it was over

around 11 a.m.

CHYM-FM Kitchener and NewsTalk 570 radio station personnel and the Food Bank of Waterloo Region staff welcomed the visitors, who brought donations of food and money to support the food bank.

"Oktobefest breakfast was a big success," said Fred Lehmann, community relations manager with the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.

Last year's event brought in 1,400 kilograms of food donations to the food bank. This year, 945 kg of food and \$1,849 in cash was raised.

Conestoga College's first-year food and beverage students and faculty, with help from CHYM-FM Kitchener and NewsTalk 570 radio station staff, made and served 20,000 pancakes from 360 kg of pancake mix and 300 litres of pancake syrup, donated by Aunt Jemima. The First Gulf Development Corp. provided the location. Piller's Sausages and Delicatessens Ltd. donated 405 kg of sausages. Westley Farm donated apple cider and Bingemans provided coffee. CHYM-FM Kitchener and NewsTalk 570 radio stations crew organized the entertainment by a band named the Saxsons who played at the event.

Geoff Poulton, general manager with the NewsTalk 570 radio sta-



Brian Sausa, a first-year food and beverage management student, prepares breakfast.

(Photo by Sanja Musa)

tion, who was born in a small community in British Columbia, said he is impressed by the spirit this community has.

"I come from a community of 50,000 people and I'm not sure they are any tighter than in this community," he said. "This is the largest small community I've ever lived in."

Other visitors like Tom and Mike Wade from Ottawa, Kelly and Shannon Funchion from Kingston and Katherine Martin from Montreal were impressed by the

quantity of food and high spirits among the people, despite the cold weather.

Carl and Helen Bender were dancing the morning away to the polka rhythms.

"We love dancing polka. More people should be dancing today," Helen Bender briefly stated and then hurried away to dance.

Others like Ada and Wilfred Lingelbach from Kitchener just stood around, ate pancakes and soaked up the atmosphere.

"We come here every year," said Ada Lingelbach. "We like the whole thing."

"We gave donations to the food bank and we're enjoying pancakes and music now," added her husband.

Children enjoyed the event in their own ways. The Co-operators Insurance Co. organized entertainment for children. They could take a close look at a fire truck, have their faces painted or play catch the fish, as part of the Our Millennium project, presented at the breakfast by the Co-operators Insurance Co.

Four firefighters came to the event, according to Senior Capt. Don Barron of the Waterloo Fire Department.

"We just want to give the children a chance to take a closer look at the truck. We come whenever we

can," Barron said.

Our Millennium is an initiative of the Community Foundation of Canada where different foundations raise money for their communities.

"The purpose of the project is to use this year as an opportunity to give a gift to the community. This is the Co-operators' gift to the community today," said Dominique O'Rourke, public relation specialist with the Co-operators. "It's how we want to mark the millennium. So, when you turn back, you can say how you marked the millennium."

All the gifts will be recorded on their Web site which will be immortalized when the National Archives acquire the Web site in its first Web site acquisition ever.

According to O'Rourke, there are three million people across Canada involved in the project. The theme of the Co-operators project is child safety.

The Rogers Cablesystems representative, Bob MacKinnon, was promoting Germany's No. 1 TV station with the opportunity to sign up for Deutsche Welle, for \$11.95 a month.

Conestoga College was also promoted at the event. Sheila MacLeod, liaison officer with college recruitment and admissions, was giving out college calendars and stickers.



Beth Esenbergs, co-ordinator of the food and beverage management program at Conestoga College, dances with Cliff the Condor, the college mascot, to the sounds of polka music at the Oktoberfest breakfast on Oct. 7.

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Entertainment

Napster on trial

Entire debate about greed, not copyright

By Jody Andruszkiewicz

If you're any fan of music and you've not been hiding under a rock for the past year, you'll know that the music-trading service known as Napster is on trial for alleged copyright violations against members of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

Specifically, metal super-band Metallica and hip hop guru Dr. Dre have been the most vocal in slamming the activities of Napster and its over 20 million members.

On May 9, the RIAA "won" a court case when Chief Judge Marilyn Patel of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California shot down Napster's argument saying it was exempt under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DCMA). Napster appealed.

Then on June 12, the RIAA filed for a preliminary injunction against Napster even though the outcome of the RIAA's copyright infringement suit had not been decided.

Obviously the injunction failed because Napster is still up and running, and files are still being shared.

Flash forward to Oct. 3 and Napster and the RIAA are in front of three appeals court judges. Arguments are being heard, and

now Napster's fate is truly in the hands of the courts.

But what is the real issue here? Obviously it's not the mp3 format. A mp3 is a digital file most commonly associated with music. Speeches and spoken word can be put in mp3 files, but generally, they are music files.

Mp3s are as common on the Internet as chat rooms. The RIAA has no basis for qualms with the mp3 file format because Sony, a major record label, designed the mp3.

And the issue is not about declining record sales. In fact, record sales have gone up in light of Napster's file sharing, which shoots down the RIAA's argument that record sales would drop because of Napster.

This entire debate is about good old-fashioned greed.

The RIAA had their main argument, the foolish notion that sales would decline, shot down when statistics compiled by Napster and the RIAA itself showed record sales were up while Napster was online.

Artists like Metallica and Dr. Dre maintain that money is being taken out of their pockets. They cry and they whine, but they neglect to tell you that they are the sole owners of their music.

It's not a terribly well-known fact,

but unless you have a lot of money, the music you hear on the radio or on Much Music might not necessarily be owned by the artist. The label can own the music.

But hey, Napster users are taking money away from artists like Metallica or Dr. Dre. That notion is laughable. In addition to record sales being up, Napster users are not paying or forcing others to pay to get songs on the file-swapping service. And if you look at copyright laws, especially with music, re-issuing music for the purposes of profit is strictly in violation of the law. But as stated earlier, no money is exchanging hands.

So we have rising record sales and no monetary transactions taking place. It's hard to see any laws being broken. Yet the RIAA contends laws are being broken.

It's hard to take the RIAA seriously when they are making millions of dollars hand over fist, especially when their main arguments have more holes than Swiss cheese.

The artists are simply doing what they do best, and making music is not what many of them do well.

According to Napster's Web site, Napster is about sharing a love of music. And the RIAA is all about making people pay to share that love of music.

Movie Best in Show worth drive to Toronto

By Paul Kostal

The mock documentary Best in Show is just that, the best in the show.

Directed by and starring Christopher Guest as a fishing store owner/dog trainer, the movie follows the lives of several groups of dog owners as they make their way to the annual Mayflower dog show in Philadelphia.

Co-starring Second City alums, Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara as Gerry Frek and his, ahem, "well travelled" wife Cookie, the "mockumentary" is along the same lines of another Guest classic, This is Spinal Tap.

The movie starts with a series of interviews with the main players talking to the camera as a way of introducing the characters and their dogs as they each prepare to make their way to the show in Philadelphia.

Granted this formula starts slow, but there are some priceless moments, like the send-up of Anna Nicole Smith, and the yuppie couple describing how they met at two separate Starbucks, "across the street from each other."

The movie picks up though, when the owners and their dogs, with names like Winky, Hubert and Rhapsody in White, begin competition at the Mayflower dog show.

By far, the funniest character in the movie is the colour commentator at the dog show.



Imagine Don Cherry commentating at something like that and you start to get the idea.

He just showed no class in a world that relies almost solely on class. His lines like, "Whoa, he went after her like she was made out of ham," and "I went to one of those obedience places once, but I left after they poured hot candle wax on my private parts," nearly left this reviewer in tears.

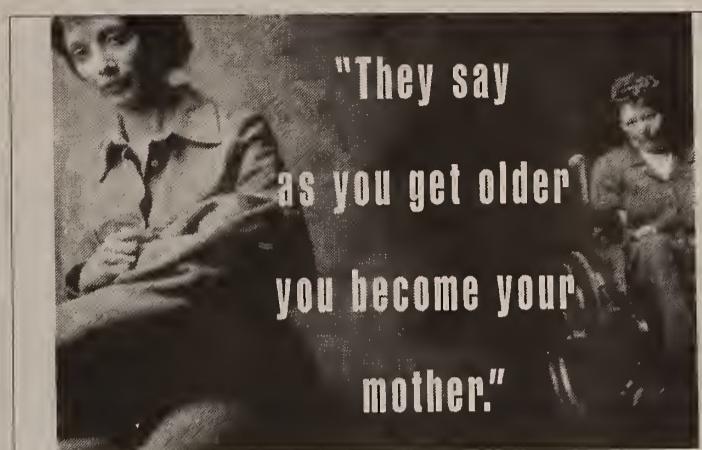
And that's just the beginning. He compares greyhounds with wide receivers, gets into an argument about Christopher Columbus, and hey, can you ever have too many Shih Tzu jokes?

This is an excellent movie that I would recommend to anyone with a couple hours to spare and in good need of a laugh.

However, it is in limited release right now, and the only place to see it is at the Paramount Theatre at the corner of Richmond and John in Toronto.

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Men's soccer team loses to Mohawk

A defensive let-down led to a 4-1 loss for the Condors

By Derek Lester

A defensive let-down led to a 4-1 loss for the Conestoga Condors Oct. 4, in men's college soccer.

The Condors travelled to Hamilton to play Mohawk College where the Condors failed to get into a good flow in the game.

Their record went to 2-4-1, and they are now third place in the West Region division with seven points.

Scoring for the Mountaineers were P. J. Lobelio, Donovan Russell and John Sozio, with two goals.

The Condors' overall effort in the game varied, said Condor coach Geoff Johnstone. The players were a little dejected after assistant coach Paul Mouradian broke his ankle at the end of practice the day before the game.

Johnstone believes that could have been a turning point for the game before it even started.

"I looked around at the guys and the colour was drained out of their faces," said Johnstone. "They were really mentally down, and it

seemed to carry over into the game."

The team was badly outplayed, especially in the midfield, and the defence was not what it has been, he added.

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*Geoff Johnstone,
Condor assistant coach*

"I thought we were still potentially in it," said Johnstone, "But when a defender just coughed it (the ball) up in his own area by trying to be too fancy, that really clinched it. That made it 3-0, and there was no way we were coming back from that."

Goalie Lev Sherifali played well and stopped initial shots, but let in a couple goals off rebounds that weren't cleared in time, said Johnstone.

Sweeper Roberto Rivas was all over the field and created the Condor goal. For that, he was their player of the game, Johnstone said.

On Sept. 30, the Condors travelled to Ancaster and beat the Redeemer College Royals 2-0, but the score could have been worse.

Scoring for the Condors were defender Oliver Kopilas and midfielder Eser Onar.

"We really should have won 7- or 8-0," said Johnstone. "We missed two penalty shots and we missed at least three chances one-on-one, on a weak goalie."

Johnstone said he could have probably scored on that goalie.

"Even though we got the points, it wasn't a very satisfying win," he said.

Johnstone said he was pleased with the way the team played in the first five games of the season, but the last two games have been a little messy.

Midfielder Luis Tsatsas was the team's best player in the first half, he said, but Kopilas led the team in the second half. Sherifali also got his second shut out of the season.

The Condors played St. Clair College in Windsor on Oct. 14. Their next game, which is their final home game of the regular season, is Oct. 17 at 4:30 p.m. against Fanshawe.

New activities scheduled

By Trevor Hilker

The Conestoga College Students Athletic Council (SAC) has announced four extracurricular sports activities that start now.

The newest of the four is co-ed basketball. The other three are co-ed ball hockey, co-ed volleyball and contact ice hockey.

"We expect that a lot of students will be signing up for these sports."

*Jody Andruszkiewicz,
SAC member*

"We expect that a lot of students will be signing up for these sports," said SAC member Jody Andruszkiewicz, "especially volleyball."

Signups for each sport will be held until Oct. 18 and a captains' meeting will be held on Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Condor Roost.

Until this year, the college hasn't offered co-ed basketball so it's up in the air as to how the turnout will go, said Andruszkiewicz.

SAC member Rob Dietz will convene the league which will begin play on Oct. 24 and run on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. Each game will go for 30 minutes and it will cost each team \$30 to play. The rules will be international basketball rules as opposed to NBA rules.

Volleyball, which Andruszkiewicz said is the most popular, will be played on Wednesdays from 6:30-10 p.m. starting Oct. 25 and will require a \$25 per team performance bond.

SAC members Dave Kelly and Melinda Wilkinson will convene the two-division league including a competitive league and a recreation league.

"The two divisions are set up for fair play," said Andruszkiewicz. He expects there will be a waiting list due to its popularity.

Three-on-three non-contact co-ed ball hockey will begin play on Oct. 23 and will be played on Mondays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m.

League convener Andrew Hill said women are more than welcome to play and stresses that they should sign up. Hill also could not stress enough that it is non-contact hockey with no room for negotiations.

Each team is to pay a \$30 performance bond.

A contact ice hockey league begins play on Oct. 24. The league will run on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

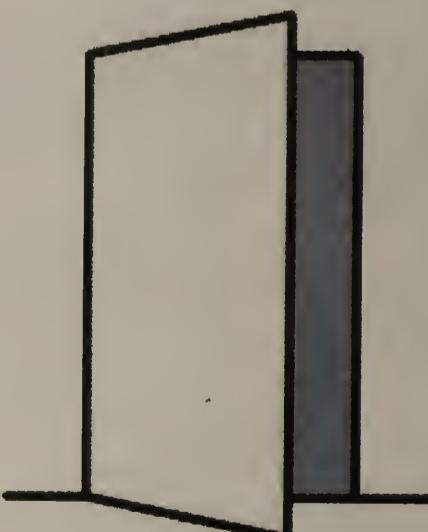
Due to an ice-time restraint, there is a five-team limit. Andruszkiewicz said there will likely be a waiting list.

The games will run for one hour using a three 15-minute period format.

SAC member Marie Hahn will convene the league which requires each team to pay a \$200 performance bond.

Andruszkiewicz and Hill said they require referees for the various leagues. Referees are paid \$7 per game. Ice hockey requires a third-level referee certificate so they are going with referees from the Ontario Hockey Association.

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